



EDWARD HUTCHINSON
U.S. Congressman

Area Champs In Redistricting Spotlight Heavyweight Battle Coming?

The makings of a political chess game began to unfold in the Michigan Legislature yesterday as the Democrats' congressional redistricting formula cleared its first hurdle.

It appears the remap plan has a chance of passing in the House where the Democrats hold the edge but it faces a rougher time in the Senate unless a certain state senator from Benton Harbor decides he would like to enhance his chances at winning a congressional seat.

A capitol observer said Sen. Charles Zollar of Benton Harbor has attended all meetings of the House Elections committee, showing an interest in the proceedings.

"Everyone assumes Zollar is going to run for Congress", said the observer. If Zollar did run under the present setup, he would be pitted against Fourth District Congressman Edward Hutchinson, a GOP two-term who

is strongly entrenched.

However, the Democratic-sponsored remap plan that is now in the works would give Zollar a boost by removing Hutchinson from the Fourth District and tossing him into a new district where he would clash head-on with Rep. Gerald Ford, a Republican whose Fifth District now takes in Kent county (Grand Rapids) and Ionia county. However, Hutchinson could change his residence and avoid a battle with Ford.

The Fourth District is now composed of the counties of Berrien, Allegan, Branch, Cass, Hillsdale, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties. The new lineup would remove Allegan from that picture and replace it with Lenawee county. (Hutchinson resides in Allegan county.)

The new districting formula would put Hutchinson's Allegan county into a new Fifth District composed of

Allegan, Barry, Ottawa, and Montcalm counties plus parts of Calhoun and Kent counties.

The proposal does further damage to some Republicans by forcing two of their incumbents, Guy Vanderjagt of Cadillac and Elford Cederberg of Bay City to do battle.

In simple terms, redistricting means redrawing the lines of the voting neighborhoods so that each representative in Congress has about the same number of people in his area. Each of the proposed Congressional districts would have about 467,000 persons.

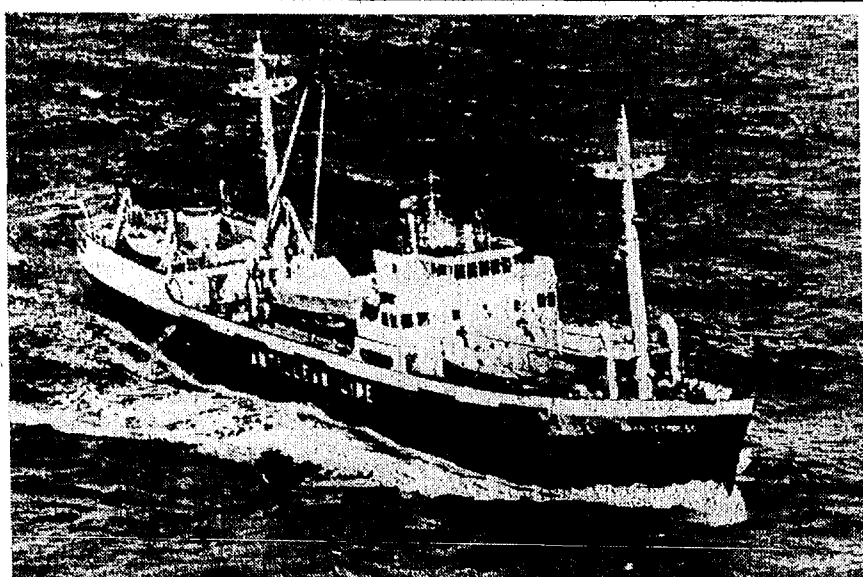
The fun begins when the Democrats and Republicans try to draw the lines so as to improve the chances of people they want to get elected. Often times it means two strong incumbents find themselves battling over strange neigh-



CHARLES ZOLLAR
State Senator

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Milliken Gets \$519 Million Dole Bill



FREIGHTER ATTACKED: The Coast Guard reported the freighter Johnny Express was attacked Wednesday by a Cuban gunboat near the island of Little Inagua in the southeast Bahamas. The ship was reported being towed to Cuba. Of Panamanian Registry, the ship is owned by Cuban exiles who live in Miami. (AP Wirephoto)

Undone Work In Disarray

Legislature Adjourns For Christmas

By LARRY D. KURTZ
Associated Press Writer
LANSING, Mich. (AP) — After a whirlwind final workday before a month-long holiday recess, the Michigan Legislature has sent to Gov. William G. Milliken a \$519.12 million welfare budget and a 5 per cent hotel-room tax bill for Detroit to help finance a riverfront stadium there.

But in the typically raucous and uncontrolled dash toward adjournment, several major issues were left in disarray Wednesday.

Half-passed or half-argued bills include a constitutional amendment legalizing lotteries, a statewide construction code, wiretapping by county officials and congressional redistricting, now threatened by a suit asking court intervention.

After the smoke cleared away late in the day, with further action delayed until the two-year session reconvenes Jan. 12, these were the results:

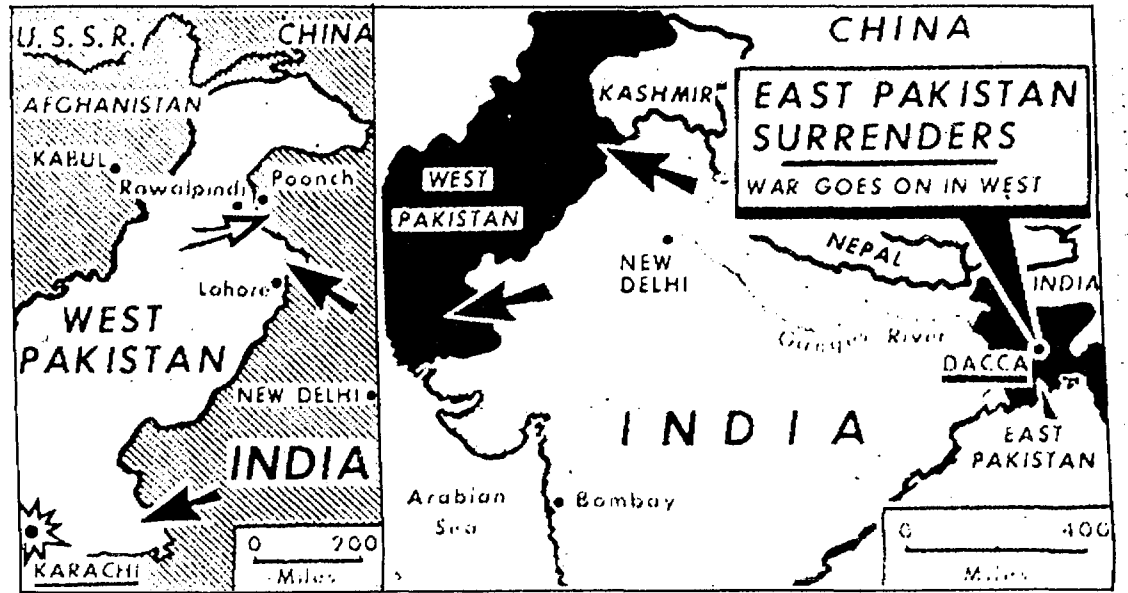
—The Senate passed, 27-9, and sent to the governor a compromise welfare appropriation that won House approval Tuesday after a five-month breakdown in bargaining inside a joint committee of both houses.

—The House sent on to the governor the proposed Wayne county accommodations tax that would add 5 per cent to all hotel and motel room tabs for stays under 30 days.

That is thought likely to raise some \$2 million toward a new stadium in the city's downtown area.

And a proposed \$10,000 appropriation to Charles L. Clark, 72,

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WAR DOWN TO ONE FRONT: Pakistani troops in East Pakistan surrendered Thursday and Indian forces entered the provincial capital of Dacca. Radio Pakistan said 54 civilians were killed and 90 injured in an Indian air raid on Karachi Wednesday night. (AP Wirephoto)

Cubans Hit, Take Second Exile Ship

MIAMI (AP) — A Cuban exile-owned freighter, crippled by fire from a Cuban gunboat, was under tow toward the Communist island today following a bloody attack on the high seas. "The deck is covered with blood. I am dying, chico," the freighter's captain, 55-year-old Jose Villa, said in a final and desperate radio message received here Wednesday.

"Tell the Coast Guard to

come quickly," Villa said. "Tell them there are dead and wounded here."

The Johnny Express was the second ship owned by Bahama Lines of Miami—a firm operated by Cuban exiles—to be seized by Cuba in 10 days.

Havana radio said today a Cuban naval vessel on the look-out for "pirate" ships spotted the Johnny Express and radioed her description to higher authorities.

"She was ordered to stop in order to be boarded and seized," a government statement said. "The pirate ship disobeyed the order and tried to escape. Minutes later ... it was forced to obey the order and seized."

The radio broadcast a government declaration saying the Cuban government would show "no leniency whatever with pirate ships intercepted any dis-

tance from our coasts, that perpetrate such crimes against our father land, sailing under any flags."

The declaration blamed the United States "as the principal perpetrator and inspirer of these acts of banditry."

"Several weeks ago, the 12th of October, the village of Punta Sama was attacked by a pirate launch and several persons were killed and others wounded," the radio said.

It said the Johnny Express was under tow to a port on the north coast of Oriente Province, in easternmost Cuba.

A Bahama Lines official said the Johnny Express had been taken in-low by Cuban patrol

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JOHN L. FRAZIER
Ordered To Die

Jury Orders Gas Chamber For Killer Of Five

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — John Linley Frazier has been ordered to die in the gas chamber by the jury that convicted him of killing five persons at a Santa Cruz hills mansion last year.

The 25-year-old former auto mechanic sat barefoot, impassively scanning the courtroom audience Wednesday as the verdict was read, Frazier wearing prison blue denim pants he had kicked off his sandals.

Frazier was nearly bald, his head shaved of its once long tresses and his beard cut. When he appeared at a sanity hearing he had shaved one side of his head and half of the beard.

At one point Frazier turned to smile at his court appointed attorney, James Jackson, who merely shook

his head. Neither would talk with newsmen.

It took the eight-woman, four-man Superior Court jury just over five hours to decide on the death penalty over life imprisonment, which under state law were their only alternatives. Frazier had been convicted of first-degree murder.

Judge Charles S. Franch ordered Frazier to appear Dec. 30 for formal sentencing.

Frazier pleaded innocent by reason of insanity to the Oct. 19, 1970 shooting deaths of wealthy eye surgeon Dr. Victor Ohta, 45, his wife Virginia, 43, and their sons Derrick, 12, and Taggart, 11, and Ohta's secretary, Dorothy Caldwell, 38.

The bodies were found in the family swimming pool by firemen responding to a fire at the mansion.



GEN. J.F.F. JACOB
Indian Leader Accepts
Surrender At Dacca

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India Wins In East, Fights On In West

From Associated Press

Pakistan's army in East Pakistan surrendered unconditionally today and Indian soldiers marched triumphantly into Dacca, the provincial capital.

Announcing India's victory in the 12-day war, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi declared that "Dacca is now the free capital of a free country," referring to Bangla Desh, as the Bengalis call East Pakistan.

The end of the war in the east did not appear to signal any cease-fire on the western front, 1,000 miles across India. An Indian spokesman said the biggest tank battle of the war had been fought on that front in the past 24 hours.

The prime minister said the surrender was signed in Dacca, East Pakistan's capital, at 4:31 p.m.—6:01 a.m. EST—by Lt. Gen. A.A.K. Niazi, the commander of the estimated 80,000 Pakistani troops in the province.

As Mrs. Gandhi spoke in Parliament, Radio Pakistan announced that fighting had stopped in East Pakistan following an agreement between the local Indian and Pakistani commanders. Monitors said the broadcast, in the Urdu language, made no mention of surrender.

Niazi surrendered nearly 24 hours after India gave him an ultimatum to quit and suspended bombing of the East.

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The Red Balloon open 'til 8 tonight. Stevensville Village Square. Adv.

Pakistani capital.

Half an hour before the ultimatum expired this morning, the Pakistani commander asked for an extension and for an Indian staff officer to come to Dacca to discuss the surrender. The Indians dispatched the chief of staff of the Eastern Command, Maj. Gen. J. F. R. Jacob, with instructions to give

Niazi until 5 p.m. to give up. Gen. Aurora followed a few hours later.

Meanwhile, Indian troops had entered Dacca, at 10:48 a.m., Mrs. Gandhi told Parliament earlier today. She said one of Niazi's subordinates, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Jamshed of the

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Police Doubled In New Jersey Prison Rebellion

BULLETIN

BORDENTOWN, N.J. (AP) — The two hostages held by 100 rebellious inmates at the Yardville Correction Center were released this morning after inmate grievances were broadcast on a local radio station, Gov. William T. Cahill announced.

BORDENTOWN, N.J. (AP) — A 50-man state police force was doubled at sunrise today at the Yardville Correction Center, where about 100 rebellious inmates held two hostages and controlled a wing of the prison.

The helmeted troopers, armed with shotguns, joined a force that was sent into the prison several hours earlier on orders from Gov. William T. Cahill as "a show of force."

Meanwhile, a prison spokesman said only that some of the negotiations with the rebellious inmates was under way.

"Communication that has taken place with the inmates

involved in this disturbance will continue, but they have thus far refused to release the hostages," said G. Thomson Durand, public information officer for the State Department of Institutions and Agencies.

He said the inmates had made no ransom demands.

Durand said the hostages, Richard A. Seidl, 36, assistant superintendent, and Ira Friedman, 31, a guard, were believed to be uninjured. Friedman's wife, weeping as she entered the prison, arrived just before midnight.

Durand refused to say how the insurrection started. It came on the heels of the Thanksgiving takeover at Rahway State Prison in which seven hostages were taken. All were released and the trouble ended after state officials agreed to hear prisoner demands.

Associated Press newsmen Carl Zeitz was summoned in. (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Michigan's Mass Transit To Nowhere

Governor Milliken and most of the legislature's Democratic members are teamed in an effort to restore mass transportation to the Detroit area.

The plan calls for raising the gasoline tax from seven to nine cents a gallon.

Thirty per cent of the two-penny increase, six-tenths of a cent, would go to SEMTA, the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority. It is estimated this subsidy would yield \$25 million a year.

The remainder would be put in the gas tax funds for highway purposes. The guess is this would add \$68 million annually for roadwork.

The diversion for SEMTA was tackled on to a proposal made several months ago by the State Highway Department and much as it may question the wisdom of SEMTA, the Department has to accept the principle of half a loaf or none. Milliken has repeatedly stated he would veto any gas tax boost unless mass transit is provided for.

Outstate legislators and even some from the Detroit area have balked thus far.

Some of the opposition is the old time feeling of Detroit trying to increase its share of the pie.

Reps. Gast, Mittan, DeStrang and Kennedy from our area express the more rational disagreement.

SEMTA involves buying up the bankrupt, decrepit Detroit Street Railway and then trying to re-equip it back to life. The second step is the construction of a subway network between downtown Detroit and the outlying suburbs.

The program is multi-million dollar venture, probably moving up into the billion range. The cost is so high that the \$25 million gas tax diversion could not pay the interest on the bonds to be issued.

SEMTA, as our Representatives point out, is following the road to ruin which the Chicago Transit Authority and other metropolitan mass transportation systems have gone down.

The CTA started out 20 years ago in bankruptcy because its funding bought up a mess of junk equipment from several privately owned bus and street railway firms.

The CTA saved the private bond-

Population Shock

Demographers and others interested in population trends have had their crystal balls shattered by the confluence of three reports which add up to a marked decrease in the American birth rate.

While many of the experts have hastened to caution that a major turnaround can turn up just as quickly, their confusion over what is happening is apparent.

One of the reports was a study by the Census Bureau showing a large increase in the number of young women staying single in the last 10 years. Preliminary findings of the 1970 National Fertility study show married women intend to have significantly fewer children than they did only five years ago.

Another study, by the National Center for Health Statistics, shows total births in August marked the fifth consecutive monthly decline and the sharpest drop since 1947. Summing up the expert analysis of all this was George H. Brown, director of the Census Bureau.

"There are all kinds of theories," Brown admitted, "but intelligent people should recognize that these rates have changed, and can change again, for reasons not well known to us."

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holders and has been fighting for its own life ever since.

New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco and other large communities have followed the identical path.

Little wonder the outstate legislators contest bailing out Detroit's municipal treasury which is the last and shaky hope for the DSR.

Two weeks ago we commented on the lack of emphasis for mass transportation as a major contributor to the ills of the central city in sizeable population zones.

Our view, however, did not say that Santa Claus is the best person to design, build and finance the systems.

The CTA and others are floundering because of the all too prevalent opinion that money in large gobs can solve any crisis. This penchant for putting the cart before the horse is the reason the U.S. treasury is an inscribed deficit and inflation is what it is.

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SEMTA and its models proceed on the assumption that large masses of people want to travel daily a long distance, back and forth from the central city to Ozone Heights, and that large, complicated networks of buses, streetcars and underground trains are the only answer to a requirement now being met in total congestion by the privately owned automobile.

This presumption derives from a pre-World War II life style in which, generally speaking, most people living beyond the central city still earned their living in a downtown location.

An article in the latest issue of the MSU Business Administration School's magazine should be read by Milliken and others involved in SEMTA.

The author stresses a point overlooked completely by mass transportation advocates.

Today's life style has spread more than residentially from the central city. It has shifted economically. The man living in Ozone Heights is as apt to earn his livelihood there as is his neighbor who still goes to the central city.

Within the city itself, continues the MSU author, a trend toward the neighborhood work-living concept is developing.

What he suggests is that the presumption of mass transit having to be strictly a long haul function is losing its validity; that mass transit is a more localized requirement than its advocates realize.

He argues that building a large unit such as SEMTA will simply spend a lot of money for something that won't be used. He even goes so far as to urge a subsidy for jitney buses and taxicabs as the most sensible means to give mobility to those who need it the most, namely, the impoverished inner city dweller.

The MSU writer does not dismiss the SEMTA approach. He simply points up the fallacy of firing a shotgun exclusively at a mixed target which to be knocked down completely requires using a rifle.

Indirectly though not forcibly enough, the debate on the gas tax increase has touched on this facet.

SEMTA's opponents have emphasized the blank check aspect of the program. Its planning is vaguer than a wash drawing.

The Highway Department has a legitimate case for some increase in the gas tax.

This should be granted now and SEMTA should be told to develop an intelligible plan for solving Detroit's transportation difficulties.

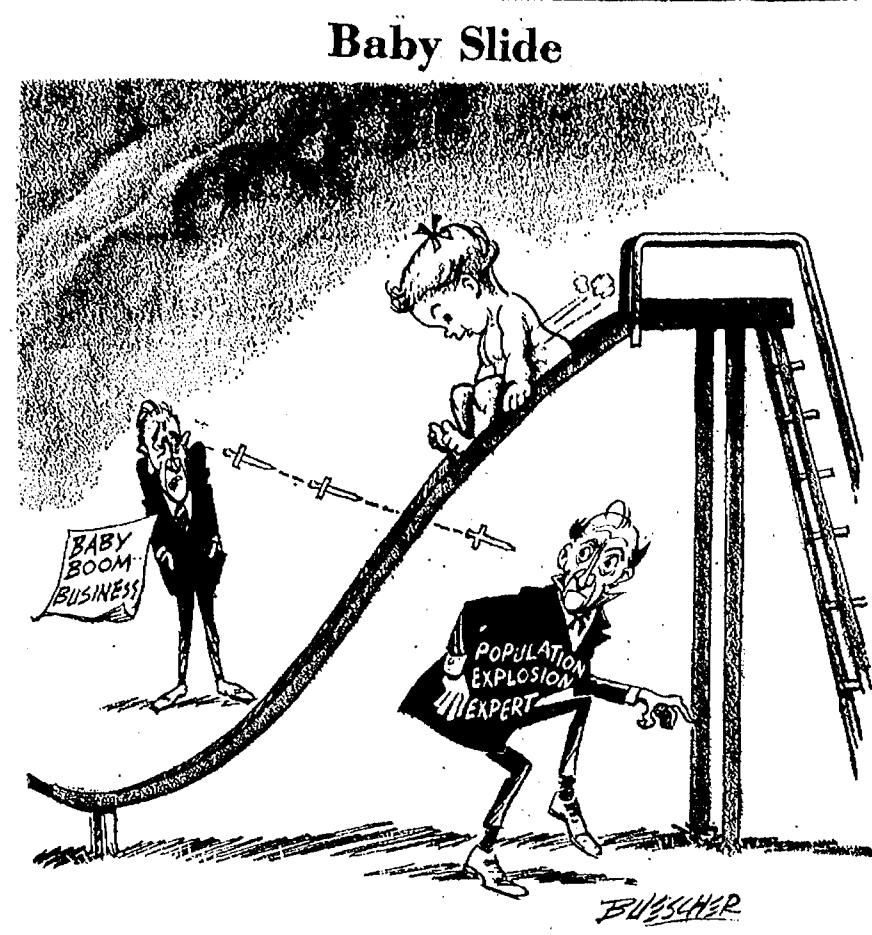
Not For Walking

Although they have not caught on universally as yet, in some cities around the world walking canes are staging a comeback. Fancy ones, plain ones, tooled and jeweled ones, all kinds are selling well in many stores.

Just so long as they are substantial and are well balanced for striking. For these canes are not used for walking. At least, that is not the reason for their return to prominence.

An increase in muggings, particularly of older people, is the reason given by many stores for the walking cane's sudden return to popularity.

It is doubtful that such a weapon in the hands of an older person being attacked by a young thug would be of much help, but even the feeling of security is not to be ignored in an age when crime knows no bounds.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

LANDMARK GOING
—1 Year Ago—
The former home of the oldest organized church in St. Joseph, First United Methodist at Main and Broad streets, is being razed by workmen for George Miller Jr., and Sons, Inc.

The edifice was built in 1869 and was the successor to two others that burned. The Methodist congregation was organized here in 1830. The building is owned by Holland Construction Co., which built the new First United Methodist church in south St. Joseph. The congregation moved into its new church earlier this year. Stained glass windows and other features were removed before demolition started.

ST. JOE SPONSORS LAKESHORE LIONS
—10 Years Ago—
Business and professional men from Baroda and Stevensville met last night in Stevensville to organize the Lakeshore Lions club.

The project has been under discussion for several months, with the St. Joseph Lions club as the sponsoring group. The new unit will serve the area defined generally by the Lakeshore school district.

BLAST JAP CONVOY
—30 Years Ago—
The war department announced today that army bombers had renewed their attacks on Japanese vessels off Lagaspi on the island of Luzon in the Philippines, seriously damaging an enemy transport.

Enemy air activity was of a minor character, said the department's 12th communication group, reporting on the situation up to 9:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, today.

NATIONAL NEWS
—40 Years Ago—
The senate today called upon Secretary Stimson to give it all government notes exchanged on the Manchurian outbreak.

NEW UNIT
—50 Years Ago—
Veterans of the Cuban and Philippine wars met in the hall in Benton Harbor to complete their organization as a unit of the United Spanish War veterans. The company will be known as Ward Marrs camp, in honor of the only member of the company 113rd, Michigan, to die in Cuba. George F. Schairer was chosen commander of the new unit. Installation of officers will be held in January by the newly formed camp.

SHOPPING
—60 Years Ago—
The Misses Anna Foll and Minnie Bertog are spending the day in South Bend.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

CHRISTMAS LETTER
Instead of a letter to Santa Let's write to the dear Lord above,
Tell him what you want for Christmas
Have him fill all our hearts with love.

We need strength and courage abundant,
May this to all people be given;
That's what we want for this Christmas,
May hate from our hearts be driven,
May all folks live in harmony,
We need sympathy for one another.
No matter what race, creed or color,
We must think of each man as our brother.
Please send us abiding faith.
May we have the blessings of peace.
We need reason and understanding.
To hope that all discord will cease.
So please, dear Lord, this Christmas
Place these wonderful gifts 'neath our tree
To cherish deep down in our hearts,
What a wonderful Christmas 'twould be!

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PUBLICITY APPRECIATED
Editor,
The Herald-Press:
On behalf of my fellow committeemen I would like to express our appreciation for your splendid advance story on the second Annual Michigan Lutheran Chorale Benefit Concert.

We're of the opinion that it contributed greatly to a packed house of 850 people and an increase in attendance over last year.

Thank you, for helping us help establish a library fund at Michigan Lutheran High School.

HARVEY BELTER
General Chairman
Michigan Lutheran Chorale
1971 Benefit Concert

Editor,
The Herald-Press:
PUT MOON MONEY INTO CHRISTMAS
It won't be long till that one day of the year comes. Christmas, the day that every boy and girl looks forward to. Wonderful. Wonder, what will be in the stocking?

Even us old folks go and still get a thrill out of that day. It takes us back to the days when we were kids and at noon what a dinner we had. It was not out of the bakery or stores either. Mother and Grandma all helped to make everything there just right when we sat down to that big dinner.

Remember there are some children that will not see that or even get a stick of candy in their stocking Christmas morning. No fault of theirs.

We claim our nation is the richest one in the world, yet we have homes that will not have anything like Christmas dinner.

We should quit throwing money away trying to make things to get men on the moon, which don't mean a penny to us, as we're not going to live up there.

So when we sit down to big dinner with our families, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt and Uncle, let's bow our heads for a little while and thank God that we have all this, not just December 25, but every day in the year.

R. Shepherd,
108 1/2 Cherry St.
Three Oaks

Bruce Blossut

McGovern Not Making Converts

WASHINGTON (NEA) — It's a pretty good guess that Sen. George McGovern's latest campaign spin through the Midwest was a success that didn't help him much.

He got good crowds which he handled with polished ease. Yet most of the time he was talking to people who have already taken their McGovern vows. When he wasn't, there was no clear sign he was making converts.

In a frigid early morning visit to a construction site at Northwestern University's Evanston campus, he tested himself with hard hats. Several men agreed with his view that we should be getting out of Vietnam faster. But, asked by McGovern if this were a general attitude there, a black metal-worker apprentice replied:

"No. Most of these guys want to get out gracefully. When the students meet over there in the park (demanding withdrawal), these men ask: 'What do they know about it? They've got everything they want.'"

Since many workers' sons have been drafted, often to serve and perhaps die in Vietnam, they (the hard hats) usually don't like McGovern's proposal of total amnesty for young men who either ran off to Canada to escape service — or were jailed here for such refusals.

As McGovern passed one worker at the building site, the man was overheard saying:

"He's for those draft-dodgers. --on him!"

The amnesty problem really does illustrate the senator's difficulties in widening his support.

His proposal, either volunteered or brought out by questions, is the great cheer-getter at schools and other gathering places of the young. If things are slow, he can always call "amnesty" as an audible at the line of scrimmage and score a quick touchdown.

McGovern knows full well that it turns out workers and others even as it reinforces him with students heavily committed to him. He offsets the amnesty call with urgings to give compassionate aid to returning Vietnam veterans — either by providing needed jobs or by offering more generous education allowances than now authorized.

The young people I heard him address at half a dozen spots in Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota never gave the senator's help-the-veterans proposal a third the applause they lavished on "amnesty."

More to the point of McGovern's difficulties, it doesn't even seem to register with the workers and others who dislike his amnesty stand. Nor is it clear that, if it did, they would see it as a real offset to proposed forgiveness for behavior they really hate.

Jeffrey Hart

Conservative Case Against Nixon

In a recent column I reported on the case a great many conservatives are making against a second term for President Nixon. According to those arguments, it now seems likely that a conservative Republican will run against Nixon in New Hampshire. But what answer can be made to the points the rebelling conservatives are putting forward?

1) It is by no means certain, to say the least, that the Supreme Court nominees of Humphrey, Muskie or Kennedy would be about as acceptable as Nixon's. After all, from LBJ we got Thurgood Marshall — a knee-jerk liberal — and we almost got Abe Fortas as Chief Justice. The Supreme Court if a vital battleground, and there Nixon has been resolute.

2) On civil disruption Nixon and his Justice Department have been excellent. Mitchell and Kleindienst took a firm stand on the May Day disruptions, and the underground has been a relentlessly harassed. Ask the Berrigans. With great ingenuity, Federal prosecutors have been using the grand jury system to keep maximum heat on the would-be revolutionaries. Conservatives can take great comfort from a glance at the liberal journals like the New Republic and from radical ones like the New York Review of Books or Ramparts. The screams there are deafening. The Left is under no illusions about the Administration's intentions.

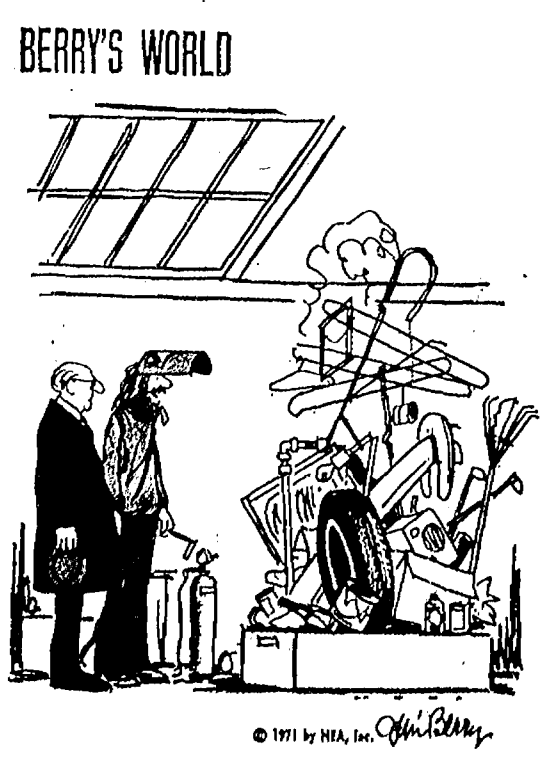
3) At the beginning of a Tale of a Tub, Jonathan Swift tells about the barrel sailors used to throw overboard to distract a hostile whale. In my opinion, both Nixon's economic controls and his Family Assistance Plan are barrels. At the time he instituted the economic controls, Nixon was under intense pressure from the Democrats on the economic issue. His earlier "game plan" was making headway against inflation, but not nearly enough to be politically visible. Sen. George McGovern had dropped the war as an issue and was hammering away at the economic issue.

Nixon himself told me that the Republicans are peculiarly vulnerable on the economic issue: memories of the Depression linger. Therefore his new economic play, which has completely defused the issue. The beauty of the play is that so little of the economy has really come under control, and that, doubtless, on a temporary basis.

What about FAP, which justifiably outrages conservatives? Another barrel, I think.

During the 1968 campaign, Nixon tossed out a barrel in the form of a proposal for a "new coalition." It supposedly would consist of all who desired freedom from government interference: state righters, black-power types, free-market businessmen, do-your-thing youth. No sophisticated, least of all Nixon, took the idea seriously at all. It was purely diversionary, something for the pundits to write about.

DIED IN CRASH
LAPEER, Mich. (AP) — Bernard Harris, 34, of Flint was killed Wednesday when his auto ran off a rural road in Metamora Township, Lapeer County, and hit a tree.



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"Even if it doesn't appeal to you esthetically, think of it this way — A.M. recycling, solid waste!"

Good Fellows Out In Force Friday

Mission Possible Will Take Place On BH Streets

More than 60 Good Fellow Newsies wearing the emblem of the Benton Harbor Exchange club hit the streets of Benton Harbor and environs tomorrow afternoon in the 42nd annual Christmas newspaper sale.

Every cent collected by the Newsies will end up in the Good Fellow coffers for distribution to worthy projects. The salesmen and a few sales ladies will be hawking full-size newspapers after three Newsie sales with mini-editions.

The Exchange club isn't 60 strong but every year guest Newsies augment its ranks so that no potential customer will be overlooked.

Since the first Newsie Sale in 1930s, Exchange club members and their associates have collected \$116,944—nearly half the total of Good Fellow contributions and the fund started eight years earlier. High mark for the Newsie Sale was \$5,206 in 1962.

Through the years, the story is essentially the same. Newsies give up an afternoon of their time so that less fortunate can have a better Christmas. Many of the Newsies have had to leave someone to tend the store at the busiest time of the year.

The Newsies' mission never

varies, but the weather does—from unseasonal heat to icy blizzards, from drenching rain to gentle snow that's just right for Christmas.

The News-Palladium Good Fellow Fund goal is \$8,500. To reach it by Friday night, \$4,951.41 is needed to go with the \$3,548.59 already received at The News-Palladium.

Among the latest contributors is F. P. Rosback Co., a Benton Harbor industry for 66 years, and a Good Fellow regular. Rosback boosted the fund with \$50.

The folks at Whirlpool EDP-MIS came in with \$43.55—that's what they collected in lieu of sending Christmas cards to each other.

United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers (UAW) Local 383 chipped in \$25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hickman gave \$10 in memory of Gary Hickman and Loraine Hickman. Bob is the tireless president of the Southwest Michigan Muscular Dystrophy association.

Harold and Delores Hafer backed the Good Fellow Fund with \$5. St. Joseph Township Fireman's club sent \$5. Young Women's Christian Council of Church of God in Christ put in another \$5 and a five-spot also came from Fruit Belt Auxiliary VFW Post 1137.

Good Fellow Gifts this year will go for three causes: a Christmas party for underprivileged children Saturday, aid to the needy elderly and a \$1,500 donation to the Berrien Drug Treatment center.



SJ NEWSIE SALE PLANNED: Members of the St. Joseph Lions club, who last night held a Christmas party for their youngsters in their den, look time out to plan for Friday's newsie sale. It

will be the 19th time Lions have sold papers to raise funds for Good Fellows. From left are Dale Jeffers, Tom McCoy, Roy Liskey and club president Robert Dearing, Jr. (Staff photo)

SJ, Bridgman Lions To Hoist Big Santa Sacks

Newspaper sacks loaded with standard size papers, approximately 100 St. Joseph and Bridgman Lions and Lake Michigan college students conduct the 19th annual Herald-Press Good Fellow newsie sale starting at noon tomorrow.

Their immediate goal is to push the Herald-Press Good Fellow fund over its \$3,500 goal but they will be aiming at the all-time record newsie sale of last year that reaped \$3,181.74.

Last year advance gifts plus the newsie sale brought the Good Fellows over \$5,500 which was turned into gifts for approximately 900 persons, most of them children but including some old timers who faced Christmas alone.

This year the familiar newspaper sized edition will be back on sale. There will be a task of supplying the newsies as they fan out through St. Joseph, Lakeshore and Bridgman with papers but drive chairmen felt confident that problem will be solved and the added appeal of the bigger paper will more than make up for the added weight.

Chairmen of the drive have been working on schedules to make sure there will be a newsie close by at whatever place people are likely to congregate Friday.

For the St. Joseph Lions club Co-Chairman Roger Menchinger who is a veteran of Newsie sales will be joined by Eldon Meschke, one of the club's newest members.

Bridgman Lions will be making their second appearance on the Good Fellow firing line. Neil Kupic, the Bridgman chairman, said experience in selling papers last year will help considerably this year.

The Lakeshore area will be canvassed by members of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and Sigma Delta sorority. These two Greek letter societies are service oriented. This will be the second Newsie for the college students.

The Lakeshore Lions formerly sold Good Fellow editions in the Stevensville area but they won't be in action this year but they earlier voted \$100 for the fund to be delivered at newsie sale time.

The Newsies will jump off from about the same springboard they had last year. The total today stands at \$1,837.47. Last year on the day before the drive the total was \$1,856.11.

Two contributions totaling \$25 pushed the total to within \$1,662.58 of the goal. First "A Friend" left \$5. Then members of Boy Scout troop No. 23, sponsored by the St. Joseph Congregational church brought in \$20. The scouts gave the Good Fellows the money instead of exchanging 50-cent gifts at their Christmas party as they usually do.

FIRE DOUSED
Benton Harbor firemen used a hand extinguisher to put out a minor fire caused by grease left on a stove Wednesday at the home of Charlie Verington, 501 East Empire avenue. Very minor damage resulted, according to firemen.



Dad Gets Released To Work

A Benton Harbor dad ordered jailed for 60 days Nov. 29 for falling behind in support for three children was released early to return to work and another dad was ordered to begin paying off a \$680.50 arrearage Wednesday in Berrien circuit court.

Friend of the Court George Westfield reported Judge Chester J. Byrns cut short a jail stay for Martin Mach, 38, of the Hornack hotel, so Mach can return to work. The judge also cut his support arrearage to \$1,500, ordered him to pay \$9 weekly support for his three children and \$2 weekly on arrears, Westfield reported.

Judge Byrns also ordered Theodore Wilson of 519 Whitcomb court, Benton Harbor, to execute a wage assignment for \$7.50 weekly support plus \$1 weekly on arrears of \$666.50 after finding him in contempt for falling behind in support for one child on Aid to Dependent Children grants, Westfield reported.

If Wilson misses a payment he's to be jailed 30 days, the judge ordered. He also was placed on a year's probation to Westfield.

Possession Charged

NILES An 18-year-old Niles youth was held overnight on a preliminary charge of possessing cocaine after he was stopped by state troopers investigating an alleged minor traffic infraction.

Troopers from the Niles post said they found three packets of a substance believed to be cocaine in the possession of William Robert Prier, 18, of Kilarney Lane, Niles.

Price had been stopped in a car on US-12 near Third Street early today by troopers who said he had failed to dim his headlights to oncoming traffic.

BH School Remappers Can't Find Solution

'Compromise Approach' Will Be Tried Next Month

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — The Benton Harbor school redistricting committee, which has invested hundreds of man-hours searching for solutions to the district's problems, discovered here this week that it can't agree on a remapping

plan. In a prepared statement released late Wednesday, the committee announced it met in a closed working session Tuesday night, "again reviewed the redistricting plans previously proposed and were unable to reach a majority conclusion."

However, in what Chairman George Welch termed a "company type of approach," the committee has asked its consultant, Dr. Ray E. Kehoe of the University of Michigan, to outline details for a new proposal—a federated school district—for discussion by the committee in mid-January.

It would call for reorganizing the Benton Harbor district within present boundaries, with a district-wide board of education and lesser semi-autonomous neighborhood boards operating schools within their areas.

The neighborhood boards might, for example, be completely autonomous in choosing curricula, materials, etc., and delegates from them might sit on the district-wide board to set millage drives and other activities of district-wide impact, Welch suggested.

The federated district study Dr. Kehoe will be asked to report on in January is not new, Welch said. Dr. Kehoe drafted a federated plan for a merger study of three small districts—Capac, Memphis and Yale districts in the southern Michigan thumb area—earlier this year. Welch noted, however, that special state legislation would be required before any such plan could be implemented in Benton Harbor.

"The new proposal would be a possible alternative to be considered by the committee since members were divided on the best approach to solve the problems of the Benton Harbor Area schools," the committee statement said.

The redistricting committee, appointed by the Berrien Intermediate board of education as successor to an earlier committee, had leaned toward three of a dozen remapping plans at the last meeting open to the news media on Nov. 23.

With one of its seven members absent, a hurriedly-tallied vote then showed committee members leaning toward three plans that each would split the Benton Harbor district into separate northern and southern school districts.

No majority decision could be reached on any plan and committee members realize Benton Harbor's neighbor districts are against accepting large parts of the district, Welch said Wednesday.

However, the committee statement reported the committee unanimously supported a resolution "calling for special programs for educational disadvantaged children to



THE GOOD FELLOW NEWSIES: This corps of Benton Harbor Exchange club members will be on the streets tomorrow selling special editions of The News-Palladium for the Good Fellow Fund. They'll also be joined by guest Newsies. Top row, left to right: Ralph Frost, Don Boerma, Omar Ford, Dr. R. C. Conybeare, Gene Brooks,

Dan Chapman, Bob Braamse and Chuck Knipschild, II; second row: Frank Daniels, Bill Parks, Stanley Nowlen, Fred Peden, Atty. Ron Postelli, Atty. Rodger Bittner, Dr. By Sheffer and Marvin Rendel; bottom: Bill Dillingham, Ray Backus, Dave Ohman, Bud Skelley, Ed Miller, Atty. Lester Page, Todd Binsz, and John Lesch.

Stevensville Visit For Santa Saturday

Santa Claus will be stopping at Stevensville Saturday. He will use Lincoln township hall as his headquarters from noon to 4 p.m., as guest of Lakeshore Jaycees.

He recognized as a countywide problem and generally beyond the financial resources of individual school districts. "It further called for these needed resources to be placed on a broader tax base. This resolution stemmed from the previous recommendation from the former Blue Ribbon committee the current committee's predecessor, which also looked into problems of the Benton Harbor district."

Foes Moving To Bar Oronoko Development

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Opponents of a \$24 million housing project being proposed here launched a petition drive last night aimed at blocking the development.

The petitions are to be presented to the Oronoko and Berrien township boards, the Berrien Springs village council and the Berrien county board

of commissioners.

Approval from the governmental units is being sought by developers of the project because of projected land use and possible annexation of the site to Berrien Springs.

Launching of the petition drive came at a meeting in the high school with about 120 persons present. It is being

promoted by a week-old organization known as the Oronoko-Berrien Concerned Citizens (OBCC).

Leaders of the OBCC called the meeting after presenting objections to the project to officials of the village and the Berrien Springs school district.

Dick Mantke, OBCC chair-

man said the objections involve overcrowding of the public schools by potential students from the housing project, an influx of low income persons into the community and an increase in tax burden to area residents.

Mantke said that the projection of 533 potential students used by the project

promoters is too conservative and that the developers admit they have no way of guaranteeing that the number will not be higher.

Mantke also said that the developers admitted that some of the tenants of this project will receive federal mortgage subsidies, but he thinks the number of people receiving these subsidies will be much more than indicated.

Spokesmen for the developers have said that the units earmarked for low-income families involve only 12 per cent of the total project and will not decrease the projected revenue for communities involved. They have also said the projected number of school students was based on a study by the University of Michigan.

Under the proposal, a 150-acre site on Pokagon road at US 31-33 southeast of Berrien Springs would be annexed from Berrien township to Berrien Springs and be developed under what is known as the planned unit development concept.

The PUD concept allows the developers to design land use based on the needs of the community to be developed. Existing land use requirements are lifted.

Development is to occur over a 10-year period with 950 housing units to be built on the site as well as shopping areas and other community service centers.

The project is being proposed by the Michigan Credit Union League housing foundation and the Southwestern Michigan Chapter of the Michigan Credit Union association.

Opposition to the proposal has already resulted in a lawsuit filed in Berrien county circuit court. The suit is aimed at blocking annexation of the development site to Berrien Springs. It was filed by Charles Kiefer, a Berrien Springs real estate broker, on behalf of several village residents.

A hearing on the suit was scheduled to be held in court today.

Canonie Elected By Bank

SOUTH HAVEN — Tony Canonie, chairman of the board of Canonie Construction company has been elected to the board of directors of the Citizens Trust and Savings Bank here.

Canonie is a native of Covert and widely known throughout Michigan. His company is one of the largest in the state.

Other major business interests of his include Bultema Dock and Dredge company, LaCross Dredging company and Engine Leasing company. The Canonie Construction company is the largest locally owned employer in South Haven area employing more than 1,000 people during the construction season.

Canonie and his wife, Marialyce reside at 900 Monroe boulevard. They have six children.

Announcement of Canonie's Canonie's election was made by James H. Pence, chairman of the bank's board who said "I have been closely associated with Mr. Canonie on the board of another business and my deep respect for him and his business judgment has grown steadily during that association."

His business acumen and experience will be a valuable asset to the bank now and into the future."



IN APPRECIATION: Verne Robbert, new president of the Twin Cities Area Community Services Council, presents a plaque of appreciation to Mrs. Bernice Tiscornia, outgoing CSC president. CSC is an agency of United Community Fund. (Staff photo)

UF Planners Honor Outgoing President Council Elects Robbert To Succeed Mrs. Tiscornia

Verne Robbert was elected last night to succeed Mrs. Bernice Tiscornia as president of the Twin Cities Area Community Services Council.

The election took place as the CSC the planning body of United Community Fund, held its annual meeting at Mr. Smorgasbord restaurant, St. Joseph.

Dr. Gerhard Carlson was elected first vice-president of the CSC and Dr. Henry Klos was elected second vice-president. Re-elected were Mrs. Olive Colcord, RN, as secretary and Walter Wend as treasurer.

Eight persons were voted three-year terms on the CSC board. They are Mrs. Helen Ford, Ad Hatch, Dr. Carlos Page, Mrs. Ruth Madison, Mrs. Miriam Ohmann, Atty. Tat Parish, Dr. Carlson and Dr. Klos. The Rev. Jake Webb was elected to a two-year board term and the Rev. Arnold Bolin to a one-year board post.

Robbert, who is executive director of Child and Family Services of Michigan, a United Fund agency, presented Mrs.

Tiscornia with a plaque honoring her for her 2½ years as CSC board president. During Mrs. Tiscornia's term of office, Robbert noted, the CSC made significant community progress.

Among the accomplishments during Mrs. Tiscornia's tenure were the formation of the Community, Information and Referral Center and assistance in bringing about the formation of Child and Family Services through a merger of Michigan Children's Aid Society and the Berrien County Family Counseling Service.

In her farewell message as CSC president, Mrs. Tiscornia spoke in detail on the recent White House Conference on Aging, which she attended as a delegate last month. She predicted that important new social legislation for the nation's aging population would result from recommendations made at the conference.

Mrs. Elizabeth Frier, administrator of volunteer services for the Michigan Department of Social Services, in Lansing, was the evening's main speaker. She spoke on the rising role of volunteers in

community life.

Mrs. Frier noted that private agencies, such as United Fund services, until recently had been the principal users of volunteer aid. However, she noted a new trend — the extensive use of volunteers by public agencies and cooperative ventures with volunteers entered into jointly by public and private agencies.

In Berrien County, Mrs. Frier said, the spirit of public-private cooperation is exhibited through the efforts of Miss Joan Walton, coordinator of volunteer services for the Berrien County Department of Social Services, and Mrs. Alice Kurth, director of the Information and Referral Center.

Both programs were begun in mid-1970 and both deal in part with the effective recruitment and use of volunteers for community service efforts.

Hagar Hearing Friday

Township supervisors Roger Carter, Leonard Smith and Orval Benson will sit as a Berrien drain commissioner's board of determination at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Hagar township to hear public comments on a proposed new underground county storm drain to serve Greenwood Park subdivision in the township.

The board will meet at the north end of Greenwood Park road to determine the necessity for a new branch drain running from existing Granger drain, near US-31-33, westerly to Greenwood Park subdivision. Some 582 feet of buried 12-inch tile would be involved and the cost is estimated at \$5,500 for construction plus \$3,000 to repair Granger drain to handle the new drain flow, according to a drain commissioner's spokesman.

Subdivision residents petitioned for the new drain to lower the subdivision water table, the spokesman said.

Ganges Resident Heads U.S. Rent Control Board

GANGES — Thomas B. Curtis, who recently built his future home in this rural Fennville community, has been appointed by President Nixon to head the federal rent advisory board.

Curtis will head the 14-

member body whose job it is to advise the price commission on matters relating to the stabilization of rents.

Once a Republican congressman from St. Louis, Mo., he is now vice president and general counsel of Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc., and Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation with offices in Chicago.

According to a family spokesman, Curtis plans eventually to make his new Ganges house his home.

His brother, Ernest, who serves on the Fennville school board, lives nearby as does the widow of his late brother, Edward.

The brothers have built in the Pier Cove district of Ganges township on land bought many years ago by their father, Edward Leon Curtis, a St. Louis, Mo., attorney.



THOMAS B. CURTIS

M-140 Property Rezoned

EAU CLAIRE — Approximately 120 acres along M-140 in Pipestone township have been zoned industrial by the township board. The land, bordered by M-140, M-62, Preston and Eureka roads, was rezoned from residential-commercial.

Supervisor Hazen Harner Jr., said action came on recommendation of the township planning commission. "The planning commission's position was that industrial zoning represented the best potential land use," said Harner, "although no industry is planned for there at present."

Harner said the area to the west is protected from the industrially zoned area by a 200 foot wide buffer zone along the east side of Preston road.

He added that CBS Produce Inc., is already located in the rezoned area and that property is owned there by Farm Bureau Oil company and Lloyd Cuthbert of Cuthbert Tractor Sales, Inc. Farm Bureau reportedly is planning to move its bulk oil plant from Eau Claire.

Scissors Solve ROTC Problem

AUSTIN (AP) — When the University of Texas Air Force ROTC detachment issued uniforms for incoming cadets, one uniform needed some adjustments — the skirt was too short.

The uniform was for Carol Lynn Christen, the first female cadet in the university's corps.

Niles Man Back In Jail After Mistrial

Berrien circuit court jurors deliberated nearly 4½ hours late Wednesday before announcing a hopeless deadlock in the trial of a 21-year-old Niles resident accused of larceny from a motor vehicle.

Judge Julian Hughes declared a mistrial and Bruce Allen Sheeley, of 2385 Yankee street, was returned to jail to await a new trial.

Sheeley was accused of stealing two rear wheels from a car owned by Mitchell Nelson from a car last April 21 in Niles.

Trial lasted one day. Jurors announced the deadlock about 10:20 last night.

PAW PAW LAKE

Engineers Named For Sewer Work

COLOMA — The Paw Paw Lake Sewage treatment planning commission designated the Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May engineering firm as inspecting engineers for construction of the sewage treatment plant and a main interceptor line last night.

The firm designed phases of the \$12 million treatment and collection systems for the cities and townships of Coloma

and Watervliet.

In other action, the board approved exercising its option to purchase the proposed site of the treatment plant from Paul Hingst on DeField road for \$25,000.

A proposal from the Modern Sanitation Service, Benton Harbor, to maintain the system once completed was tabled.

Also approved were reimbursements of \$12,500 to Coloma township and \$5,582 to Coloma city for advances made to the commission last year before financing bonds were sold.

Question Juveniles In Thefts

BUCHANAN — By taking three juvenile boys into custody, Buchanan city police believe they have solved at least six recent burglaries, including four on school property.

The juveniles were questioned by police Tuesday concerning a break-in the night before at the Harold C. Stark elementary school. A tape recorder with head phones was reported stolen in the break-in, along with some vandalism.

About 20 items reported stolen in the break-ins were recovered, police said. The boys were turned over to juvenile authorities.

State Police Do Not Issue Booze ID Cards

"The Michigan State police do not issue identification cards for the purpose of purchasing intoxicants," according to Lt. Carl Hulander, commander of the Benton Harbor post.

Lt. Hulander said that some tavern owners and beverage dealers are urging that young drinkers have two pieces of identification to certify age when the age of majority law becomes effective Jan. 1, 1972.

Among the identification recommended by some beverage dealers is a Michigan State Police Identification Card.

Hulander explained that State Police ID cards are issued only to older people who don't have a driver's license, primarily for the purpose of cashing checks. The ID card is issued to a younger person only when there is some infirmity that prevents holding a driver's license.

"I've also heard some (tavern operators) are saying that new drinkers should have a State Police Liquor Card. There is no such thing," Hulander said.

The age of majority gives adult status to persons 18-20 years old.

In short, Hulander says: "Don't come to us for identification to buy liquor."

Did Sucking Wind Pop Car Window?

Did the low pressure center that spawned yesterday's high winds create a vacuum strong enough to suck the rear window out of a car parked at Berrien Springs high school?

No one can say for sure, but the Robert Sill family of Berrien Springs thinks that may be the case. At least, there's no other visible cause they could find for what shattered the glass on their 1970 Camaro.

Mr. Sill is a music teacher at the high school. He and his son Larry, 17, a junior, trade off driving the car to school. Father Sill got word the window had popped during the forenoon. Shattered glass lay over the rear deck. There was no indication it had been broken by any thrown object. There was no sun; accumulated interior heat — often blamed for such incidents — could probably not have been the cause.

According to the U.S. Coast Guard station in St. Joseph, the barometer dipped to a low of 29.21 inches yesterday. Winds reached a high of 62 miles per hour.